

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/688,259

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment after final filed on 8/2/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-7 and 16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This Office Action is made in response to applicant's amendment after final filed on 8/2/2007. Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 16 are currently pending in the application. An action follows below:

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Hayden on 9/10/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claims 12-15.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 16 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The present invention is directed to a method of driving memory devices for operation of a display device. Independent claims 2, 7, and 16 identify the uniquely distinct features "a writing circuit which writes the video data to a memory fro writing and enters a wait state after writing is finished" and "wherein start of writing of the writing

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circuit is controlled based on the pulse after revision of a selection by the selector circuit". The closest prior art, Aoki et al. (USPN: 6225990), Fujii et al. (USPN: 7199834), and Koudmani (USPN: 5572691) disclose devices for controlling operation of reading and writing from two memories but lack a 'wait period' for the writing device when writing is finished, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Independent claim 1 identifies the uniquely distinct features "starting to write a second video data to one of the first memory and the second memory when the first signal and the second signal are in a first state", "setting the first signal and the second signal to a second state after the second video data is written to one of the first memory and the second memory", and "setting the second signal to the first state after a first video data is read from other of the first memory and the second memory". The closest prior art, Aoki et al. (USPN: 6225990), Fujii et al. (USPN: 7199834), and Koudmani (USPN: 5572691) disclose devices for controlling operation of reading and writing from two memories but lack a signals applied to the reading and writing control circuits that provide the specific state switching described in the claims, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven E. Holton whose telephone number is (571) 272-7903. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on (571) 272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amr A. Awad", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.